



# News Release

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## May 1 Crop Production

### North Dakota

Winter wheat producers reported they expect to harvest 16.6 million bushels from the 2010 North Dakota winter wheat crop. This is down 36 percent from last year and 26 percent below the 2008 level. Yield for this year's crop is forecast at a record high 52 bushels per harvested acre, up 4 bushels from last year and 3 bushels above the record set in 2007. A total of 320,000 acres of winter wheat are expected to be harvested, down from 545,000 last year and 550,000 in 2008.

Farmers in the state seeded 340,000 acres of winter wheat last fall. This is down 41 percent from the previous year and 46 percent below the acres planted for the 2008 crop year. The lowest winter wheat acreage seeded was 25,000 in the fall of 1965 while the largest was 750,000 in the fall of 1984.

Hay stocks on North Dakota farms totaled 1.31 million tons on May 1, up 87 percent from last year and 4 percent above the 2008 level. Disappearance for the period December 2009 through April 2010 was 4.2 million tons, compared with 3.3 million tons a year earlier.

### United States

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.46 billion bushels, down 4 percent from 2009. Expected area for harvest as grain or seed totals 31.8 million acres, down 8 percent from last year. Based on May 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 45.9 bushels per acre, up 1.7 bushels from the previous year.

All hay stored on farms May 1, 2010 totaled 20.9 million tons, down 5 percent from a year ago. Disappearance from December 1, 2009-May 1, 2010 totaled 86.3 million tons, compared with 81.6 million tons for the same period a year ago.

**Winter Wheat Production and Hay Stocks  
North Dakota and United States, 2008-2010**

Item	Unit	2008	2009	2010
<b>Winter Wheat <sup>1</sup></b>				
<b>North Dakota</b>				
Harvested for Grain	1,000 Acres	550	545	320
Yield Per Acre	Bushels	41.0	48.0	52.0
Production	1,000 Bushels	22,550	26,160	16,640
<b>United States</b>				
Harvested for Grain	1,000 Acres	39,608	34,485	31,786
Yield Per Acre	Bushels	47.1	44.2	45.9
Production	1,000 Bushels	1,867,333	1,522,718	1,458,350
<b>Hay Stocks</b>				
<b>North Dakota</b>				
Quantity, May 1	1,000 Tons	1,260	700	1,310
Quantity, December 1	1,000 Tons	4,032	5,500	
<b>United States</b>				
Quantity, May 1	1,000 Tons	21,585	22,065	20,913
Quantity, December 1	1,000 Tons	103,658	107,222	

<sup>1</sup> 2010 winter wheat forecasted yield and production.